

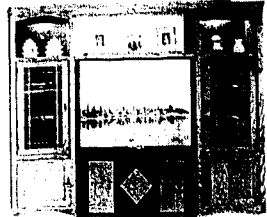
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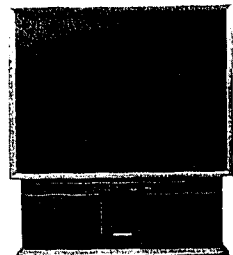
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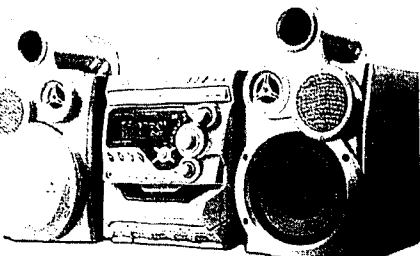
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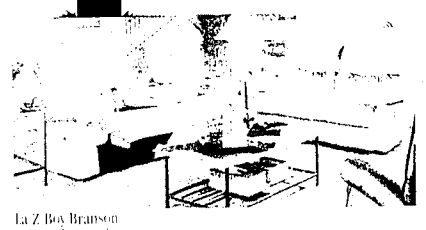


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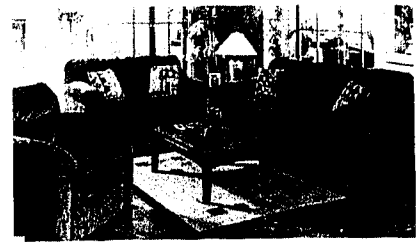
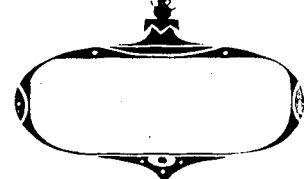


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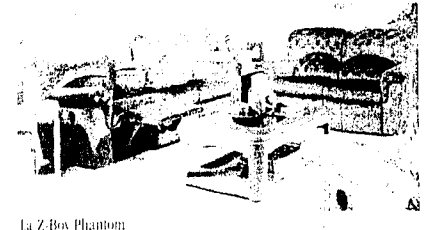
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PIE-EATING CONTEST
Winners of the pie eat-
ing contest were Daniel Lane,
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Pecan Pie

Entered by Elise Walker

1/2 Cup Sugar
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1/2 tsp. Salt
3 Eggs
1 Cup Pecans
1 Recipe Plain Pastry (see
below)
Cream sugar & butter,
add syrup, salt and eggs,
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time, add pecans. Pour in
a 9-inch pastry lined pie
pan. Bake at 350 degrees
one hour and 10 minutes
until knife comes
clean.

Plain Pastry

1 Cup Flour
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1/2 tsp. Salt
1/2 tsp. Sugar
Cut shortening into
flour & sugar until
the size of peas, add
milk, gently mix. Make
into one nine-inch pie

Candy Apple Pie

Entered by Eawn Olsen

1/2 Cup Granular Sugar
1/2 Cup
1 Tbs. Sugar
1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
1/2 Cup Margarine
1/2 Cup Malted Milk
1/2 Cup Apples
1/2 tsp. Sugar
1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
1/2 tsp. Salt
1/2 Cup Cream Cheese
1 tsp. Vanilla
1 Egg
1 Tbs. Lemon Juice
1 tsp. Cinnamon
1/2 Cup Sugar
1/2 Cup Carmel Ice Cream
Topping

1 Cup Chopped Pecans
1/2 Mix cranberries, 1 Tbs.
sugar, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1
3-cup melted margarine
together well. Pour into 9-
inch pie plate, press down
firmly. Bake 375 degrees
6-8 minutes, let cool.
2. Pour 1/2 cup of the
topping over crust, top with
carmel with 1 cup, chopped
pecans. Return to oven
completing the cooking
process.

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5) Pour onto carmel mix-
ture. Mix 8-oz. cream cheese,
1 tsp. vanilla, 1 egg, 1 Tbs.
lemon juice & 1/2 cup sugar.
Beat until smooth. Pour over
apples. Bake at 350 degrees
30 minutes or until knife
comes out clean.

6) Refrigerate. Top with
whipped cream, drizzle with
carmel & pecans.

Stir well with wooden
spoon until all apples are
dressed with spices.

Spoon into pie shell and
cover with top crust. Crimp
edges around the pie shell
and brush the top of the
pie lightly with melted butter
or margarine and sprinkle
a small amount of sugar
thereon. Cut vent holes in
top and protect edges with

aluminum foil.

Place in preheated 400-
degree oven and cook for
50-60 minutes. Check at 40
minutes and remove foil
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Entered by Earl
Neumeister

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Wash and peel 17 to 19
apples depending on size.
Slice into slices about 1/4-
1/2 inch thick, remove 1/2 to 1
1/4 quarter core.

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Are poinsettia plants poisonous?

Many poinsettia plants are poisonous to humans, Status: False Origins: Have you ever read a warning like the following?

"Don't ever let your kids eat the poinsettias! They are deadly, poisonous, and every year several poor

unsuspecting little ones are killed at Christmas by taking just the slightest nibble from a poinsettia plant. Scary stuff. Luckily for us, it's not true. It's a wonderfully persistent myth, though, and it seems to have arisen from a long-

ago death of a child's being attributed to the wrong cause. From a fact sheet prepared by Ecker Poinsettia Growers.

The poinsettia poison myth had its origin in 1919 when a two-year-old child of an Army officer stationed

in Hawaii had a poisoning, and the cause was incorrectly assumed to be a poinsettia. In fact, there have been many other cases of children eating poinsettias and having to eat more than 250 lbs. of poinsettias to have a fatal poisoning.

According to the American Poisoning Information Center, POISONDEX is the best resource used to control poisoning. Further, the American Medical Association's Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants lists poinsettias as a plant that is not poisonous and side effects of eating poinsettias are listed as follows:

hairless poinsettia leaves. And in 1975 the Consumer Product Safety Commission cited lack of substantial evidence in its decision to deny a petition regarding warning labels for poinsettias. Perhaps the most recent warning came about because the genus to which the poinsettia belongs, Euphorbia, includes several plants that are toxic. The Florida web site also addresses this legend on their page about poinsettias.

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Every holiday season newspapers run stories about whether or not Poinsettia is toxic and to what degree. Although many species in the genus Euphor-

bia are highly toxic, poinsettia is not among them. Having said that, ingestion of this plant probably will make you sick (it just won't kill you). Even with all that to dissuade anyone from believing in poisonous poinsettias, this is still a tenacious legend. Nearly 66% of those participating in a 1995 Society of American Florists

poll still believed poinsettias were toxic if eaten. A 1994 survey of 1,009 Americans by Bruskin Goldring Research for the Society of American Florists showed that 42% of the males polled and 57% of the females polled also thought that.

Speaking from "bitter" experience, he says it's unlikely a kid or an animal will eat more than one bite. He describes the taste as

far worse than the most bitter radishes. Frankly, he says, the flavor is indescribably awful. Even if it's still nice to look at, the plant was named after

Joel Robert Poinsett, an American ambassador to Mexico. In 1829 Poinsett was so impressed with the brilliant red "flowers" that he sent some home from

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Weiser Kiwanis Club chili cooks in their matching aprons included, from left, Evelyn Stover, Nola Woods, Zane Beams, Linda Drake and Susan Taylor. The Kiwanis' chili earned the Peoples' Choice Award.



Tyson Presher, center, stirs the Elks Lodge's chili pot as cooks Jim Sapp and Jeff Presher keep an eye on their creation.

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Middleton chili cooks, Rob Howe, left, and Tom Laney, right, trade a little chili cookoff trash talk during the Weiser Merchants Chili Cookoff last month. Laney's chili received the judges nod for this year's first place winner. The sign hung behind Laney pretty much tells his story, "Talking Tom's Big Mouth Chili."



George Purdin adds a little seasoning as his wife, Sarah, stirs their chili pot. Rusty's O.K. Grocery Outlet sponsored this chili that included pizza sauce as their secret ingredient.



The pie eating contest was a messy affair. With pumpkin pies and no hands, the kids had a hard time getting through the pie any other way but messy. Pictured here during the one-on-one competition is Daniel Christiansen, left, and Johnny Rast.



Sidney Miller, Fruitland, and Kourtney Grothaus, Weiser, loved their new look after getting a little face painting from Candy Hadelier.

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Scenes from Holiday Kickoff Chili Cookoff & Craft Sale

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Face Painter Candy Hadelier shows Austin Grothaus his newly painted face during the recent arts and crafts sale at the Vendome Center.



Walt Hopper offered up his tasty jams and jellies in a large variety of flavors from traditional to elderberry and huckleberry.



Carol Sinden, left, gets her fortune told by Lady Longwinda, Joyce Strong, during the Four County Art Guild's annual crafts fair. Lady Longwinda learned the palm reading art from her mother, Dustyne Hope Anderson. Proceeds from the palm readings benefit the Four County Art Guild's Art in the Schools program.



Grandpa's Carmels were very popular during the arts and crafts show in the Vendome Center last month. Don Hezelting is pictured here with grandson Rob Grindall. Grandpa's carmel recipe has passed down for three generations now. Looks as though Rob is getting a taste for continuing the tradition at a young age.



Brook Bonfiglio, Payette, holds still while Candy Hadelier applies some face paint during the recent arts and crafts show in Weiser. Also pictured are, from left, Brianna, Yasa and Seth DeGroat, waiting in line for their turn.



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Weiser Kiwanis chili wins Peoples Choice in Weiser's Holiday Kickoff Chili Cookoff

Get ready, start cooking chili! That's just what five chili cooking teams and individuals did on Saturday morning, Nov. 16 in downtown Weiser for the Merchant's first annual Chili Cookoff during the Holiday Kickoff events. As the

beans boiled and the spices were added for just the right flavor, spectators' palates began to long for a taste of the brewing pots. Jeff Presher headed up the Weiser Elks Lodge pot with his handy assistant Jim Sapp holding the lid while he stirred with one

door propane heater. With enough support from the rest of their club, surely they could win.

While being quite secretive about his chili ingredients, Tom did reveal that his recipe had been handed down from "Sheriff Schmoat Schmidt, 1898 in the chili cookoff world as Talking Tom's Big Mouth Chili. Tom has several chili cookoff awards to brag about including first places at cookoffs at the Harley Davidson dealer in Caldwell and the Chevrolet dealership in Caldwell.

On the corner across the street George and Sarah Purdin added their secret ingredient to the Rusty's O.K. Grocery Outlet's chili pot. "Pizza sauce," said George. "That's the secret ingredient that gives it a zesty taste."

Down on the other end of the block "outsiders" had come into town to try to win the chili cooking crown. Tom Laney, Middleton, a semi-professional chili cookoff participant, and Rob Howe, Middleton, grouped

their pots in the same location, however, the trash talk between the two chili maestros made it clear each was serious about becoming the top chili dog of Weiser.

After the chili pots reached perfection Saturday afternoon, everyone waited with great anticipation as the judges made their rounds. Along with the judges tasting each aromatic creation, individuals roamed between the pots with their own discriminating palates to help cast the votes for peoples' choice.

Farming the crown and spot on the first chili cookoff traveling trophy was Tom Laney. (Talking Tom's Big Mouth Chili.)

The Peoples' Choice Award went to the Weiser Kiwanis Club. Their prize included an appropriate basket containing an fishing spray, Preparation H, toilet paper, a Signal American newspaper, popcorn, Rolands, Beans and candles. Congratulations to all the chili cooks and tasters who helped kick off the holiday season in Weiser.

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 chain of department stores) asked one of their copywriters, 34-year-old Robert F. May, to come up with a Christmas story that could give away to shoppers as a promotional gimmick.
 The Montgomery Ward stores had been busy

ing and giving away coloring books for Christmas eve. May and May's department saw creating a Christmas booklet of their own as a way to save money.
 May, who had a penchant for writing children's stories and poems, was tapped to create the booklet. May, drawing in part

on the tale of The Ugly Duckling and his own background, was often taunted as a child for being shy, small, and slight. He settled on the idea of an underdog ostracized by the reindeer community because of his physical abnormality—a glowing red nose. Looking for an alliterative name, May considered and

rejected Rollo (too cheerful and carefree a name for the story of a misfit) and Reginald (too British) before deciding on Rudolph. He then proceeded to write Rudolph's story in verse, as a series of rhyming couplets, testing it out on his 4-year-old daughter Barbara as he went along. Although Barbara was

thrilled with Rudolph's story, May's boss was worried that a story featuring a red nose—an image associated with drinking and drunkards—was unsuitable for a Christmas tale. May responded by taking Densie Gillen, a friend from Montgomery Ward's art department, to the Lincoln Park Zoo to sketch some

deer. Gillen's illustrations of a red-nosed reindeer overcame the hesitancy of May's bosses, and the Rudolph story was approved. Montgomery Ward distributed 2.4 million copies of the Rudolph booklet in 1939, and although wartime paper shortages curtailed printing for the next several years, the story was

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